

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

OGDEN RIVER WATER USERS

January 20, 2010 - Ogden, Utah

The annual meeting of the Ogden River Water Users convened in the Pine View Water Users offices located at 471 West 2nd Street, Ogden, Utah, at 3:05 P.M. on January 20, 2010.

Those in attendance at the meeting were the following:

Lee Sim	Utah Division of Water Rights
Ross Hansen	Utah Division of Water Rights
Ben Anderson	Utah Division of Water Rights
Jim Wells	Ogden River Distribution System
Terel Grimley	Ogden River Water Rights
Tage Flint	Ogden River Water Rights
Robert Lindquist	Ogden River Water Rights
Chris Hogge	Weber Basin WCD
Neil Saunders	North Slaterville Irrigation Co
Pat Haymes	Lynne Irrigation Co
Ralph Bollom	Mtn. Canal Irrigation
Marilynn O'Dell	Enoch Farr Ditch Co
Claudia Conder	Pacific Corp
Roy Jewkes	Pacific Corp
Dan Harris	Middle Fork Irrigation

The meeting was called to order by Terel Grimley of the Ogden River Water Rights Committee. Terel then asked attendees to introduce themselves.

The minutes of the January 21, 2009 meeting were passed out for reading by members of the group. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by Tage Flint and seconded by Neil Saunders. This motion was approved by those present.

In his Commissioner's report, Jim Wells stated that he appreciated the help of Blaine Johnson and support of officers and ditch riders of various irrigation companies, the diligence of his two deputies, Terry Murphy and Stan Anderson, in distributing the water to the irrigation companies, and for the help of Utah Power and Light Company and the Utah State Engineer's office.

Commissioner Wells went on to state that stream flow on the Ogden River for the year 2009 was normal and all irrigation companies had an adequate supply to last them

throughout the year. There were no flood control releases during the spring runoff period. Pineview and Causey Reservoirs filled. Pineview filled to 44,175 AF on March 14th and began using storage July 16. 1862 rights on the lower river were cut off on July 16. Weber Basin turned off their Pineview exchange on October 3. Mr. Wells also mentioned that construction of a new gauging station on the lower Ogden river was scheduled for late this winter. A motion to accept this report was presented by Neil Saunders and seconded by Chris Hogge, motion passed.

Neil Saunders indicated that flows on the North Slaterville canal was disrupted by construction of new sewer treatment facilities, but user's were compensated for undelivered water.

Ben Anderson indicated that several water diversions on the Ogden River system were visited by himself Lee Sim and Ross Hansen of the Division of Water Rights, and Commissioner Wells. No diversions with delinquent accounts were shut off at this time. Similar inspections would continue to be performed annually on the Ogden River system.

The 2009 Financial Statement was presented by Lee Sim. There was a motion made by Neil Saunders and seconded by Chris Hogge that the 2009 Financial Statement be accepted. All present voted in favor.

Lee Sim of the State Engineers Office outlined changes in the State Engineer delinquency policies presented last year and how these would effect procedures necessary to collect delinquent water assessments.

The committee concluded that retaining the existing \$15 assessment for 2010 and hiring a collection agency or agent to pursue user's with significant delinquencies over 3 years old would be preferable to a system wide increase in assessments. Such users would pay the costs of collection in addition to resolving their delinquencies. A motion was made by Tage Flint to adopt this procedure and seconded by Pat Haymes. Motion passed.

Terel Grimley stated that the IRS mileage rate was now \$0.50 per mile. Tage Flint made a motion to adopt the IRS rate. The motion was seconded by Dan Harris.

Mr. Terel Grimley opened a discussion of bills currently before the legislature. In particular the repercussions of HB 60 and its emphasis on canal safety were discussed by the attendees. Tage Flint encouraged Irrigation companies to be proactive in maintaining and mapping their ditches in order to continue to be self regulating. Terel commented that, if these actions were not implemented, the legislature may require less desirable actions. Other bills discussed related to rain water harvesting, ground water recharge and property tax exemptions.

The 2010 budget amount was identical to the 2009 budget for the Ogden River System and had already been accepted at the December 14, 2009 director's meeting. This budget was presented to, and accepted by the State Engineer's representative.

There being no further business, Terel Grimley adjourned the meeting at 4:30 P. M.

Wells, Secretary

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